

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server reservation method whereby a user terminal apparatus makes a reservation for the use of a processing server that performs predetermined processing to a reservation control apparatus that controls the reservation state of said processing server via a network in order for said user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network, said server reservation method comprising:

a reservation requesting step of sending reservation request information including a desired service time to use said processing server, from said user terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network; and

a time transmitting step of transmitting, when the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request information is accepted, the real time information of server side to be used for time control when the reservation for the use of said processing server is executed, from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the network.

2. The server reservation method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a time difference calculating step of calculating the difference in real time between said server side and said user terminal apparatus; and

a time difference notifying step of notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said time difference calculated.

3. The server reservation method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a correcting step of correcting the real time information of said user terminal apparatus based on said real time information of server side.

4. The server reservation method according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined processing executed by said processing server is processing of distributing content data by streaming to a requesting client terminal apparatus via the network.

5. The server reservation method according to Claim 1, wherein said processing server uses real time information acquired from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server, for time control as said real time information of server side, and in said time transmitting step, said reservation control apparatus acquires real time information from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server and sends said real time

information to said user terminal apparatus as said real time information server side.

6. A reservation control apparatus that controls reservations for the use of a processing server that carries out predetermined processing, in order for a user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network, said reservation control apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired service time to use said processing server sent from said user terminal apparatus via the network; and

time transmitting means for transmitting, when the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request information is accepted, real time information of server side to be used for time control when the reservation for the use of said processing server is executed, to said user terminal apparatus via a network.

7. The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein

when said processing server uses the real time information acquired from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server for time control as said real time information of server

side, said time transmitting means acquires the real time information from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server and sends said real time information to said user terminal apparatus as said real time information of server side.

8. A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus that controls reservations for the use of a processing server that carries out predetermined processing in order for a user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network, said program comprising:

reception processing of receiving reservation request information including a desired service time to use said processing server sent from said user terminal apparatus via the network; and

time transmission processing of transmitting, when the reservation for the use of said processing server during said desired service time included in said reservation request information is accepted, time information of server side to be used for time control when the reservation for the use of said processing server is executed, to said user terminal apparatus via the network.